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Fourth Meeting

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Temporary Chair: Mr. Turpin ..... (Representative of the Secretary-General)
Chair: Mr. Sukhee ..... (Mongolia)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chair**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, said that the Fourth Meeting of the States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance would elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms would expire on 30 June 2017.

2. He provided a brief update on the activities of the Committee since the Third Meeting of the States Parties two years previously, as detailed in the Committee's annual reports to the seventy-first and seventy-second sessions of the General Assembly (documents A/71/56 and A/72/56).

Election of the Chair

3. **Mr. Hilale** (Morocco) nominated Mr. Sukhee, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations, for the post of Chair of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention.

4. *Mr. Sukhee (Mongolia) was elected Chair of the Meeting by acclamation.*

5. *Mr. Sukhee took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CED/SP/4/1)

6. *The agenda was adopted.*

7. **The Chair**, drawing attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure, noted that the Secretary-General had yet to receive proper credentials from some of the States parties represented at the Meeting. He proposed that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of those States parties should be entitled provisionally to participate in the Meeting and urged them to see to it that their credentials were submitted to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

8. *It was so decided.*

Election of other officers of the Meeting

9. **The Chair** said that, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, the Meeting would elect one to four Vice-Chairs. He had been informed that the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had nominated Mr. Ríos Sánchez (Mexico).

10. *Mr. Ríos Sánchez (Mexico) was elected Vice-Chair.*

Election, in accordance with article 26 of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, of five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms were due to expire on 30 June 2017

11. **The Chair** recalled that, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention, five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances were to be elected by secret ballot, from a list of persons nominated by States parties contained in documents CED/SP/4/2 and CED/SP/4/2/Add.1, for a four-year term, to replace those whose terms were due to expire on 30 June 2017. He drew attention to article 26, paragraph 1, which stated that in the election of new members of the Committee, "due account shall be taken of [...] balanced gender representation" and noted with regret that only one woman had been nominated and that the Committee had only two women members. He hoped that that imbalance would be addressed in future elections.

12. *At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. Sola (Germany) and Mr. Miró Weeden (Panama) acted as tellers.*

The meeting was suspended at 10.35 a.m. and resumed at 11 a.m.

13. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	55
Number of valid ballots:	55
Number of members voting:	55
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Baati (Tunisia)	50
Mr. Teraya (Japan)	46
Ms. Kolaković-Bojović (Serbia)	41
Mr. Ravenna (Argentina)	39
Mr. Ayat (Morocco)	36
Mr. Diakite (Mali)	30
Mr. Al-Amiri (Iraq)	24

14. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Baati (Tunisia), Mr. Teraya (Japan), Ms. Kolaković-Bojović (Serbia), Mr. Ravenna (Argentina) and Mr. Ayat (Morocco) were elected members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances.*

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.